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For: DUAL PIVOTING HOOD SUPPORT

Moline, IL 61265
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First Amendment

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, paper no. 5, dated 8 May 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Delete page 8, the "Assignment".

In the Drawings:

Proposed drawing corrections are indicated in red on the attached drawing copies.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 3, and insert new claims 6 and 7 as follows:

6. A support mechanism for supporting a hood with respect to a vehicle to which the hood is pivotally coupled, the support mechanism comprising:
- a first support mounted on the vehicle;
 - a second support mounted on the vehicle forward of the first support;
 - a first arm coupled to the rear end of the hood, the first arm being releasably and pivotally coupled to the first support;
 - a bracket fixed to the central portion of the hood;
 - a second arm having a first end pivotally coupled to the bracket and having a second end releasably and pivotally coupled to the second support, the support

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